

**A** Balade specifieng partly the maner, partly the matter, in the most excellent meetynge  
and lyke marriage betwene our Soueraigne Lord, and our Soueraigne Lady, the  
Kynge and Queenes highnes. Pende by John Heywood.

**T**he egles byrde hath spred his wings  
And from far of, hath taken flyght  
In whiche meane way by no leyrings  
On bough or bzaunch this birde wold light  
Till on the rose, both red and whight  
He lighteth now, moſte louinglie  
And therto moſte behouinglie.

The monthe enſuing next to June  
This birde, this floure for perche doth take  
Reioyſinglie him ſelfe to prune  
He rousith, rypelle to awake  
Upon this perche to choſe his make  
Concluding ſtraight for rype right reſt  
In the lions boure, to bilde his neſt

A birde, a beaſt to make to chooſe  
Pamelie the beaſt moſt furious  
It may ſeeme ſtraunge, and ſo it dooſe  
And to this birde iniurious  
It ſeemthe a caſe right curious  
To make conſtruction in ſuche ſens  
As may ſtande for this birds defens

But marke, this lion ſo by name  
Is properlie a lambe taſſyne  
No lion wilde, a lion tame  
No rampant lion maſculyne  
The lambllike lion feminyne  
Whole milde meeke proper tie aſſeurth  
This birde to light, and him aſſeurth



The egles birde, the egles eyre  
All other birds far ſurmounging  
The crounid lion, matcheth feyre  
Croune vnto croune, this birde dothe bring  
A queenelle queene, a kinglie king  
Thus, lyke to lyke here matched is  
What matche may match more mete the this

So meete a matche in parentage  
So meete a matche in dignite  
So meete a matche in patronage,  
So meete matche in benignite,  
So macht from all malignite  
As (thankes to god gyuen for the ſame)  
Seeſde hath ben ſcene, thus ſayth the ſame

This meete met matche, at firſt meeting  
In theyr apzoche togiſther neere  
Loulie louelie lyueli greeting  
In eche to other, did ſo appeere  
That lookers on, al muſt graunt cleere  
Theire vſage of ſuche humayne reache  
As all might lerne, but none coulde teach

Then in conſoyning of theſe twayne  
Suche ſacred ſolempne ſolempnite  
Suche fare in feaſte to entertayne  
Suche notable nobillite  
Suche honour Withe ſuche honeſte  
Suche Joy, all theſe to plat in plot  
Plat them who can, for I can not

But here one deyntie preſident  
Pombre ſo greates, in place ſo ſmall  
Pacions ſo manie, ſo different  
So ſodenlie met, ſo agreed all  
Withouth offenſyue worde let fall  
Saue ſight of twayne, for whome all met  
No one ſight there, lyke this to get

This lambllike lyon, and lambllike burde  
To ſhow effect, as cauſe affordes  
For that they lambllike be concurde  
The lamb of lambs, the lorde of lordes  
Let vs lyke lambs, as moſte aordes  
Moſte mekelle thanke, in humble wyſe  
As humble hart, may moſt denyle

Whiche thanks full gyuen moſt thankfullie  
To prayer fall we on our kneele  
That it may lyke that lorde on hie  
In helthe and welth to proſper theſe  
As falſth for thier moſte high degreſe  
And that all we, their ſubjects may  
Them and theire lawes, loue and obay

And that betwene theſe twayne and one  
The thre and one, one once to ſende  
In one to knit vs euerichone  
And to that one, ſuch mo at ende  
As his Will only ſhall extende  
Graunte this good god, adding thie grace  
To make vs meete tobrayne this caſe